Illegal Sale of Medicines

†2667. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn towards the availability of medicines and their compounds being sold in the market without prior permission of the Drug Controller General of India; and

(b) if so, the names of these medicines/compounds and the action being taken by Government against these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI);(a) to (d) Under the provisions of Drugs and Cosmetics Act & Rules made there under licenses for manufacture of drugs are granted by the State Licensing Authorities (SLA) and the same can be marketed throughout the country. However, there have been instances in past where SLA gave licenses to Proprietary medicines/New drugs without DCG (l)'s approval under Rule-122-B. Such licenses were immediately cancelled. To restrict SLA granting such licenses, Drugs & Cosmetics Rules 69, 71, 75 & 76 were amended as per Gazatte Notification No. 311 (E) dated 1.5.2000.

Migration of Health Workers to Foreign Nations

2668. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of Indian health care workers are migrating to richer nations, as per a new UN report;

(b) what is the rough estimate of health care workers who have migrated during the last five years to the developed countries;

(c) whether coupled with resurgence of infectious diseases i.e. HIV/ AIDS, high rate of infant/maternal mortality rate, etc in our country, the migration will exacerbate an already acute shortage of healthcare system in our country; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of Government to address this issue?

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